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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE MEETING WITH THE MARONITE PATRIARCH IN
ROME
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FOLLOWING ARE POINTS YOU SHOULD MAKE AT YOUR MEETING WITH
PATRIARCH KHURAYSH, SUPPLEMENTING REFTEL:

-- WE KNOW OF THE PATRIARCH'S EFFORTS FOR MODERATION,
UNDERSTANDING AND UNITY IN LEBANON. WE HAD HOPED THAT HE
WOULD BE ABLE TO VISIT THE U.S. BUT WOULD NOT SUGGEST HE
DO SO UNLESS AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE PRESIDENT COULD BE
ARRANGED. THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF OTHER ARRANGE-
MENTS THAT WILL FILL HIS SCHEDULE UP TO THE CAMP DAVID
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SUMMIT AND BEYOND. ABSENT THIS TRIP, WE WOULD STILL
WELCOME AN OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR THE PATRIARCH'S VIEWS.

-- WE WOULD ESPECIALLY WELCOME A FRANK EXPOSITION OF THE
PATRIARCH'S VIEWS ON WHAT MORE THE U.S. CAN DO TO SUPPORT
VOICES OF MODERATION AND REASON IN THE MARONITE COMMUNITY.
WE ARE WORRIED, AND WE BELIEVE THAT THE PATRIARCH SHARES

THIS CONCERN, THAT EXTREMISTS AMONG THE MILITIA LEADERS
MAY BE GAINING DISPROPORTIONATE INFLUENCE TO THE DETRIMENT
OF THE MARONITE COMMUNITY AND LEBANON. WHAT CAN BE DONE TO

REVERSE THIS TREND?

-- AS THE PATRIARCH UNDOUBTEDLY KNOWS FROM HIS DISCUSSIONS
WITH AMBASSADOR PARKER, WE HAVE WORKED HARD WITH THE PAR-
TIES INVOLVED TO END VIOLENCE IN BEIRUT. WE HAVE RAISED
WITH SYRIANS THE SYRIAN TACTIC OF MASSIVE SHELLING IN
RESPONSE TO MILITIA PROVOCATIONS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS.
RESTRAINT IS ALSO NEEDED, AS THE PATRIARCH WILL AGREE, ON
THE PART OF CERTAIN MARONITE MILITIA LEADERS.

-- ENCOURAGE THE PATRIARCH TO REMAIN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH
AMBASSADOR PARKER IN BEIRUT, AND EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT HE
WILL BE ABLE TO VISIT THE U.S. SOON. VANCE

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